

January 7, 1987

Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

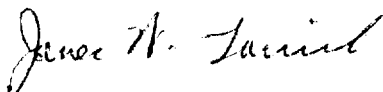
Jeff Price suggested I write to you to enquire whether you would be willing to write a foreword for a book on oncogenes (see enclosed contents) which Ed Liu (from Mike Bishop's lab), Kathy Burck and I have written. Our editor at Springer-Verlag, Dr. Barbara Goldman, is willing to meet and talk with you if the actual writing time is a problem.

You and I have spoken several times at the Cetus scientific meetings where I served in the capacity of scientific leader of the human monoclonal antibody project and as director of Cetus Immune.

I certainly enjoyed your "sociological" analysis of your discovery of bacterial sex in the recent Nature.

Thank you for your help and best wishes for the New Year!

Sincerely,



James W. Larrick, M.D., Ph.D.  
Director

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Enclosures

*I would be happy to write the foreword; I have been interested in "oncogenes" for a long time, and would enjoy reminding myself of the history of the concept. Besides my own <sup>modest</sup> part in it (and hydrogen and Rous-like models), Peyton Rous is of course a major figure in the history of the R.C. Could I see chapters 1 and 16, at least, before I start my own essay? Do you know when the expression oncogene was first used? What is the deadline?*

